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LOGO FOR SESQUICENTENNIAL

In 1993/94, we will be commemorating the sesquicentennial of medical education in Toronto with a special logo, created by IMS Creative Communications. This logo appears as part of the FAXulty OF MEDICINE masthead for the first time with this issue. The logo, in camera-ready format, is available from the Dean's Office (Barbara Sutton, 978-6500 - voice. 978-1774 - fax). We encourage Chairs to print the logo on their department's stationery.

BUDGET INFORMATION SESSIONS

In a series of briefing and discussions on all three campuses, President Prichard is addressing the University community on the current financial situation, the budget strategies under discussion and initiatives currently underway with respect to the academic and administrative work of the University. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend the session(s) most convenient to them. On Thursday, February 25, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., a budget information session will be held in the MSB Auditorium.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Phil Marsden (Department of Medicine) has been awarded the 1992 Elsie Winifred Crann Memorial Trust Award by the Life Sciences Committee of the University. The award of $35,000 is to support his project "Nitric Oxide Synthetase(s): Relevance to Human Kidney Disease"

Doug Bradley (Department of Medicine) has been successful in renewing his career scientist award from the Ontario Ministry of Health for a further five year term beginning in July 1993.

APPOINTMENTS

Dan Roncari, who has just recently completed a five year term as Physician-in-Chief at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, has been appointed to the new position of Sunnybrook Professor of Investigative Medicine, effective March 1, 1993.

John Edmeads has been appointed Acting Physician-in-Chief at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, effective March 1, 1993.

RECEPTION FOR JENNIFER STURGESS

A farewell reception for Jennifer Sturgess, Associate Dean, Research, will be held on Friday, February 26 from noon to 2 p.m., in the Research Office, Room 112, of the Fitzgerald Building. Jennifer will be assuming the position of President of The Toronto Hospital Research Institute on March 1. Faculty, staff, and students who have worked with Jennifer are welcome to attend.

REGULATIONS AFFECT 1993 MEDICAL GRADUATES

Graduates of Canadian medical schools who do their PGY1 year in the United States may be affected by new Health and Welfare Canada regulations.

Since the mid 1970's, U.S. legislation has required physicians, resident in Canada, to apply for a J-1 visa in order to go to the United States for the purposes of postgraduate medical training. A J-1 visa requires a sponsorship letter from the home country. Until this year, Health and Welfare Canada has been providing such letters to graduates of Canadian medical schools upon request. This year, however, such letters are only being granted routinely to graduates in the year that they graduate. If a graduate changes programs after completing the PGY1 year, which occurs in most programs which require a so-called transitional PGY1 year before entering their program, e.g. radiology, a new J-1 visa must be issued which requires a new sponsorship letter. Health and Welfare Canada will not issue such a letter routinely, unless the graduate is licensed in a Canadian jurisdiction or has pre-arranged employment in Canada, both of which are unlikely for someone who has only completed a PGY1 year. Thus, the graduate will have to return to Canada where, due to the new licensing requirements, obtaining a PGY2 position will be very difficult. Harvey Barkun, Executive Director of the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges, has protested this action to Health and Welfare Canada and has asked American authorities to make exceptions for Canadian graduates. For further information, contact John Provan, Associate Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education, at 978-6709.

ACMC ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges (ACMC) will be held from April 25-28, 1993 in Montreal. Registration forms are available from Austra Ozolins (978-4654- voice, 978-1774-fax)

FINDING THE RIGHT ENROLMENT BALANCE

To better reflect the distinctive mission of the University of Toronto, and in the context of provincial funding arrangements, both the current President and his predecessor have expressed the view that an increasing focus on graduate and second-entry professional programs and a decrease in undergraduate enrolment will enhance the quality of all our programs - undergraduate, graduate and professional. The University has already started the process of gradually reducing the number of undergraduate students enrolled, with first-year intake reduced by 13 per cent in 1992-93. This decrease in itself increases the proportion of our enrolment in second-entry professional and graduate programs.

This shift in our enrolment raises a number of issues which should be explored. For example, what should be the balance between graduate and professional studies, the doctoral stream and other graduate study, and the various professional programs? How does our training of professionals relate to long-term public policy? What are the factors that affect retention of our students?

To that end, Vice-Provost Carolyn Tuohy has been appointed as a one-person commission to study and report on these various matters from the perspective of a concern with the appropriate enrolment balance. The objective is for Professor Tuohy to consult widely and develop a position paper for discussion by March 31, 1993. If you wish to contribute to her report, Vice-Provost Tuohy can be reached at 978-2181.

OPEN HOUSE ON FEBRUARY 24

An Open House will be held on February 24, in the Alumni Lounge of the MSB. Featured guests will be representatives from several Canadian granting agencies including Alzheimer Society of Canada, Canadian Diabetes Association, Health and Welfare Canada (NHRDP), Heart and Stroke Foundation, Hospital for Sick Children Foundation, National Cancer Institute of Canada, Ontario Mental Health Foundation, and the Ontario Ministry of Health. In addition, representatives from the University of Toronto's Industrial Liaison program, Innovations Foundation and the Institute for International Programs will be present. Grants officers from both the University Office of Research Services and the Faculty of Medicine Research Office will be present. This is an ideal opportunity for investigators to discuss granting opportunities. For further information, call our Research Office at 978-6013.

PHONATHON 1993

The 8th Annual Medical Alumni Association (MAA) Phonathon was held February 1-4, 1993, raising $23,034 in pledges. Students who are recipients of alumni support volunteered to make the phone calls. This year for the first time, the MAA was over-subscribed with volunteers, easily finding 17 students for each of the four evenings. A $100 draw prize was awarded each night. Students Wendy Wilson, Ken Handelman, Joanne Sinai and Laura Macnow were the lucky winners.

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

The Strategic Planning Committee recently held a meeting to identify issues that will have to be addressed in order for our Faculty to develop a strategic plan. The issues have been grouped into five categories: Vision of the Future, Research Issues, Education Issues, Community Health Issues and Fiscal Issues. A retreat is planned for March 29 at which these and other matters will be on the agenda. All departmental chairs have been asked to gather input from their staff to serve as a basis for discussion at the retreat and submit a summary of it to Arnie Aberman by March 15. Please make the time to participate - it is vital that everyone becomes involved if we are to develop a workable plan for the Faculty's future. If you have any questions about strategic planning, please call Janet LeClair at 978-4046.

DAFFYDIL 1993

Tickets for Daffydil 1993, running from March 2-9, are available from the Hart House Theatre at $10 each. Daffydil is the medical students' annual theatrical production, a Faculty tradition since 1912. This year's proceeds will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society and a local food bank. Call 978-8668 for tickets.

CANADIAN NATIONAL COMPETITION IN RESPIRATORY RESEARCH

Doug Bradley and Arthur Slutsky (Department of Medicine) have been awarded an educational grant from Glaxo Canada in the amount of $50,000 to sponsor the second annual Canadian National Competition in Respiratory Research which will be held in June in Toronto. The competition is open to those in respiratory, immunology or allergy training programs from centres across Canada. For more information, please call Doug Bradley at 340-4179 or Arthur Slutsky at 586-5298.

AWARD AND HONORS

FAXulty OF MEDICINE will note major awards won by members of our Faculty. Because of space limitations (*FAXulty OF MEDICINE* is only two pages), not all awards will be printed. Please send notices of such award to Barbara Sutton (978-6500 - voice, 978-1774 - fax)

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